

THE SEAS' ALL GONE.

A Rumor That Ticket Speculators Have Bought 'Em Up.

It Is Known That the 400 Have Been Provided For.

Discrimination of the R. R. Roads Against New York Merchants.

There is a dreadful possibility that a large portion of the tickets for the Centennial grand stands have been captured by the ticket speculators.

The committee which have had this matter in charge do not like to admit it, but the suspicion that such is the fact is so strong that even a denial of the rumor on their part would have but little effect in allaying public anxiety on this point.

The fact is that the committee cannot tell who have secured all the grand stand tickets. All that they know is that now the tickets are nearly all gone, and they have been obliged to announce that the sale of seats will soon close. There is not a single seat left for the World Monument and Waverly place stands, and the Forty-second street stand has nearly been sold out. In all there are only about 400 left out of the entire 18,000, and all the committees have to show for them are the names of the applicants and the receipts for the tickets.

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The only persons who are absolutely sure of their seats at the Centennial are the four hundred, who were all provided for at the start.

Members of the Legislature and Board of Aldermen and the distinguished official guests of the Centennial, of course, all have complimentary tickets and will have no trouble.

The speculators, who have been keeping the matter very quiet until the tickets are purchased in private in a manner which leaves no doubt as to the richness of the sale, are now in a hot one behind the ear. So the row started.

Justice Kilbrieth tried them this morning, which was said by Ackerman.

The actual seriousness of the situation was not appreciated until the announcement came yesterday that the supply of tickets was running low, and that a "straw" had been thrown into the market.

It is said to have had an effect like that of a thunderbolt, falling out of a clear sky, and a case of completely demoralizing that the members have not yet recovered from the shock.

There is also a rumor that some of the Centennial ball tickets have come the same way, but every effort has been made to keep the matter quiet until it has been thoroughly investigated by the Entertainment Committee.

Should it prove true, a printed notice will be immediately posted at the door of the Metropolitan Opera House on the night of the ball, warning the public that the tickets are not to be received at the gate.

Now that all the facts with regard to the Metropolitan Opera House have come out, it appears that the late leader of the Four Hundred was more completely shorn of his power than he has been for some time.

He was also somewhat of a victim of the "straw" which was thrown into the market, and he was completely demoralized that the members have not yet recovered from the shock.

The withdrawal of Mr. McAllister from the affairs of the Centennial has been a great blow to the committee, and he does not even attend the meetings of the Entertainment Committee now.

The latest advance in the Centennial has been the arrangements for the Centennial celebration, and the arrangements for the Centennial celebration.

The latter have limited their excursion tickets to visitors at the Centennial to May 15, in furtherance of the celebration, and the merchants want this time extended in order that they may have the opportunity to secure the trade which will come to the Centennial.

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JEALOUSY AND A FREE FIGHT

MR. ACKERMAN'S WIFE ATTACKS THE GIRL HE WAS WALKING WITH.

A Lively Battle Between the Women While the Man Looked On and Laughed—Then a Policeman Interfered and All Hands Were Taken to the Lockup—Fined at Court This Morning.

Two well-dressed girls and a good-looking young man were ranged in front of Justice Kilbrieth when he took the judicial seat in Jefferson Market Police Court this morning.

What have these people done? he inquired of blood-mottled Policeman Roche, of the West Thirtieth street station, who had them in custody.

Roche said: "I was walking down Broadway about 11 o'clock last night when I saw a big crowd of people gathered near Twenty-sixth street. I pushed my way through and found a woman in a heap on the sidewalk, pummeling a girl who was walking with her."

"What was the man doing?" asked the magistrate.

"He stood by laughing heartily and telling them to 'let up' every once in a while."

When I came along he cried 'break away,' but I wouldn't break away from the fight, so I separated them," concluded Roche.

At the station-house the prisoners gave their names as Gilbert Ackerman, residence, Flatiron Building, Sixth Avenue; Miss Nellie Curtis, of 234 West Thirtieth street; and Maggie Ackerman, of 234 West Thirtieth street.

Jealousy was the cause of the row last night. The girl, who was walking with the man, was a friend of the man's, and she was walking with him to the Centennial.

The police say he is a gambler and sport. His wife, who is a very pretty brunette, followed him here and loved him very dearly.

Last night she saw him going through Eighth Avenue with Miss Curtis, who formerly made a habit of going to the Centennial with her.

Pretty Mrs. Ackerman rushed in and tried to get into the fight, but she was held back by the police.

Ackerman laughed at her. Miss Curtis said "Oh, my!" and watered her eyes.

She was not a very good fighter, and the other woman left the place; then she followed them until, at Twenty-sixth street and Broadway, she saw them again.

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FIRE BY A BURGLAR.

MR. MAHONEY'S TWO WILLS.

Stirring Experience of a Clergyman's Widow.

A Midnight Intruder Points a Pistol at Her Head.

And Then Sets Fire to the Bedclothing and Escapes.

The police of the Thirty-third Precinct report a daring case of attempted burglary which occurred early this morning at the residence of Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, at No. 184 Willis Avenue.

Mrs. Pierce is the widow of the late Rev. G. W. Pierce. Her bedroom is on the second floor of her residence.

About 2 o'clock this morning she was suddenly awakened from sleep by a noise and a bright light in her eyes.

As she opened her eyes she was terrified to see a strange man in her room standing over her with a big revolver in one hand and a burning piece of paper in the other.

She was nearly paralyzed with fright, and when he told her to move or make a noise or he would blow her brains out, she almost fainted.

The next moment he threw the burning paper on the bedclothing, and then he turned to the open window, and made his escape in the darkness before Mrs. Pierce, who was lying on the bed, could get up.

By the time Mrs. Pierce had recovered from her shock, the burglar had disappeared, and she was alone in the room.

She supposed that the burglar had just entered the house and was on the point of beginning a robbery when he saw her, and he fled.

Mrs. Pierce described the intruder as a short, stout man of dark complexion and mustache.

He wore a brown skull cap, and had a very fierce expression about the eyes. When he spoke, a revolver at her head, she was expected to be murdered, then and there.

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EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.

SEVEN KILLED.

A Terrible Fatality on the Atchafalaya, Topeka and Santa Fe Road.

A Freight Train Crashes Into the Rear of a Waiting Passenger Train.

Officers of the Road Said to Have Been Among the Victims.

Seven persons were killed and fourteen wounded.

The freight engineer and fireman were badly scalded, and their recovery is doubtful.

It is stated that the car destroyed was the Directors' special car, and that several officials of the road were killed.

FLAMES AMONG CHEMICALS.

THEY GIVE THE FIREMEN A HARD FIGHT IN NASSAU STREET.

Flames burst from the rear of the building 111 Nassau street at 5:12 o'clock this morning, and two alarms were quickly sent out. All of the companies that arrived, however, were not needed, and the flames were speedily under control.

The fire was in an unused room in the rear of the third floor, which was stored with chemicals.

It burned up through the floor of the room above, which was occupied by a manufacturer of chemical batteries.

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